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For: Method and Apparatus for § Confirmation No.: 4125
Performing Rapid Isotopic
Analysis Via Laser Spectroscopy §

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to the drawing. Attached sheet 1/1 replaces the original sheet 1/1. In the drawing, reference 42 has been revised to reference 52, reference 44 has been revised to reference 54, reference 52 has been revised to reference 42, and reference 54 has been revised to reference 44.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes